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Department of Education
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

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SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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OBSERVANCE OF THE 2026 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-01-04005 titled 2026 Global Handwashing Day Celebration, this Office joins the observance of Global Handwashing Day on October 15, 2026. The celebration aims to raise awareness of the importance of proper handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective means of preventing diseases and saving lives, anchored on the multi-year theme, "Be a Handwashing Hero."
2. All public elementary and secondary school heads are hereby enjoined to conduct a simultaneous group handwashing activity among learners and teaching and non-teaching personnel at exactly 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 2026. The posting of tarpaulins in strategic areas within the school, curriculum integration of hand hygiene concepts, and participation of all WinS Focal Persons in the online broadcast event from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page are likewise highly encouraged.
3. Attached is the Memorandum for reference and guidance. Videos of the group handwashing activities shall be uploaded to the Google Drive link that will be provided separately. All concerned schools are encouraged to support the successful implementation of the activity while ensuring compliance with the policy on the non-disruption of classes and instructional time.
4. For clarifications and other concerns, please contact MARIANNE C. CORONEL, MD, Division Medical Officer, through her official DepEd email address or other authorized communication channels.
5. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated
Reference: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:
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